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Hon. Laura Taylor Swain

U.S. District Court, S.D.N.Y.

500 Pearl Street

New York,NY 10007

Dear Judge Swain:

My name is Stephen T. Mangiaracina. My wife MaryAnn and I are owners of Cofina (sales tax) junior bonds which are a subject of the above proceedings before you. On April 10,2018 you heard arguments on the issues before you before taking the matter for decision and order. This matter is deciding the rights and priority to the sales taxes collected and set aside to meet the obligations owed to sales tax bond holders( senior and junior) both as to timely paying interest owed every 6 months and at maturity paying the full par value of the bonds.

Up until the bankruptcy and the Court staying the payment of the interest on these bonds, there has been no default since these bonds were first issued over 10 years ago. There has been no default on the payment of principal on any matured Cofina bonds.

My wife and I reside at 5 Salem Road, Hilton Head Island ,SC29928. I also write to you also on behalf of my daughter Kim and her husband Steven Schidrich who reside at 2 Stillwater Lane, Bluffton, SC 29910 and my wife's sister Georgiana Persichilli. residing at 6 Doherty Lane, Bluffton SC 29909. They also purchased Puerto Rico Cofina junior sales tax bonds at my suggestion. We all await your decision.

I am duly licensed to practice law in the states of New York, South Carolina, and Florida (

presently on retired status ).

My concern now is what is appearing on the internet about settlement discussions, while your decision is still pending These various groups negotiating have nothing in common with the interests of my family. They represent pension funds,bond funds,etc. which manage various Puerto Rico bond issues including general obligation bonds on behalf of those who have a financial interest in these funds but do not have direct ownership of the bonds as my family does.

None of these players have been given authorization to act on our behalf. We oppose this and do not wish to be bound by any of the agreements that may be presented to you. This would deny us due process.

The settlement negotiations,as reported, say the order of priority would be senior Cofina ,general obligations and then junior Cofina. The oversight board would also be a major player in its approval. There are those,with conflicts of interest all over the place,looking to avoid this Court making a decision that would make the junior Cofina bond owners whole.I assume the fund managers now negotiating among themselves manage funds with diversified portfolios including both Cofina (senior and junior) and general obligation bonds among others.My family only purchased the junior Cofina bond issues, The earliest maturity is in 2038. Upon information and belief,the paying agent for the collected sales taxes held in trust, would have made all interest payments due but for the stay. To deem our bonds to be in default, is more nuance than real. if any such settlement were effected,our bonds would be defaulted and we would only get a small percentage of the face amount of our bonds.

We do not have to be active participants for this Court to make a decision on the merits based on the history of all the bond issues which is now before it. We purchased our bonds from FMS Bonds,Inc. located in North Miami,Florida. It is my understanding that the record of our ownership is with the Court. Our hope is that the Court finds that the Cofina bond owners, both senior and junior,have continued recourse to all the sales taxes collected for both interest payments, due now and in the future, and payment in full of all money due at maturity to the exclusion of the general obligation bond holders,If any of us are unhappy with the decision you make,an appeal can be considered. At least due process would not be denied.

I respectfully ask the Court to acknowledge receipt of this correspondence..

Thank you.

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